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Letter dated 16 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 24 May and 23 September 2000, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 16 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Iranian violations of the ceasefire and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 24 May-23 September 2000

1. 24 May 2000

At 1600 hours an Iranian patrol consisting of four armed military personnel on board a military cabin cruiser seized and took away Iraqi boat No. 3455/Basrah with eight Iraqi fishermen on board as they were fishing in our territorial waters near Mina' al-Amayah. They were brought to court on a charge of having crossed the boundary and were convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for a term of two months and six days. On 16 August 2000 they were released and expelled into Iraqi territory.

2. 1 August 2000

The Iranians fired on two of the Iraqi units' members. PFC Ali Amir Anis Jabir al-Mansuri was wounded and later died in an Iranian hospital, and PFC Nazim Muhammad Shakkal Ka'id al-Maliki was abducted. The latter was returned at 1200 hours on 21 August 2000 in an Iranian fishing boat across the Shatt al-Arab, being thrown on the Iraqi shore in the Hawrah area at coordinates 524311.

3. 13 August 2000

At 0330 hours the Iranians fired an illumination flare, and sounds of PKC-weapons and mortar fire were heard inside Iranian territory in the area between Iraq's Abbas and Haran outposts. They continued for half an hour.

4. 15 August 2000

At 2300 hours the Iranians directed light- and medium-weapons fire at the Iraqi outposts in the Fada'iyah area at coordinates 2843.

5. 15 August 2000

At 0730 hours an engineering unit consisting of 15 persons began work at coordinates 9280.

6. 17 August 2000

At 0730 hours an Iranian engineering unit began work beyond the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 9280. It stopped work at 1900 hours.

7. 18 August 2000

At 0730 hours an Iranian engineering unit began work beyond the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 9280. It stopped work at 1800 hours.

8. 19 August 2000

At 0730 hours an Iranian engineering unit began work. It stopped work at 1800 hours.

9. 20 August 2000

At 0730 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of five persons began work at coordinates 9474.

10. 20 August 2000

At 1100 hours the Iranians fired four mortar rounds that impacted at coordinates 1391, inside Iraqi territory.

11. 20 August 2000

At 1715 hours an Iranian helicopter landed opposite observation post 408 in Wadi al-Shaltah inside Iranian territory about two kilometres from the border post in the Khazaniyah area, and a group of some 7 to 10 persons in military attire alighted from it. At 1725 hours it took off, heading towards the Iranian rear.

12. 20 August 2000

At 1800 hours an Iranian helicopter landed near the boundary opposite Jallan and Wadi al-Shamilah in the Ali al-Gharbi area. Nine persons wearing black civilian clothing alighted and proceeded to fire seven rockets at the Iraqi border posts. The helicopter then returned towards the Iranian rear while the group remained where it was.

13. 20 August 2000

At 1800 hours a group of persons fired 11 107-mm rockets that impacted inside national territory in the area between observation posts 408 and 409, south-east of Khazinah.

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15. 22 August 2000

At 0120 hours the Iranians fired three 120-mm mortar rounds that impacted near the Zayd outpost.

16. 24 August 2000

An Iranian engineering unit consisting of two workers began work at coordinates 9474.

17. 25 August 2000

At 0910 hours a detonation was heard inside Iranian territory. It transpired that it was an Iranian aircraft breaking the sound barrier 10 kilometres south of Qasr-i Shirin.

18. 26 August 2000

At 0230 hours sounds of explosions, mortar fire and light- and medium-weapons fire were heard inside Iranian territory in the Greater Ak Da—9 area at coordinates 4414 (1:100,000 map of Mandali). Three 80-mm mortar rounds impacted inside Iraqi national territory 150 metres in front of the Husayn outpost at coordinates 4051351. At 0300 hours the firing stopped.

19. 26 August 2000

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of seven persons began work at the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 150790. The work consisted of laying a foundation for a building of unknown design.

20. 26 August 2000

At 1730 hours three Iranian helicopters fired 10 to 12 rockets at Iraqi units at coordinates 8704 and 9498.

21. 26 August 2000

At 0120 hours the Iranians fired three 120-mm mortar rounds that impacted near the Husayn outpost.

22. 27 August 2000

At 0130 hours a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen landing at coordinates 8908.

23. 27 August 2000

At 0105 hours a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen landing in Wadi Baraw beyond the mountain chain.

24. August 2000

The Iranians encroached on Iraqi national territory at the following coordinates: 557319; 552339; 552372; 55244; 562430; 563450; 574470; 562486; 559541; 560552; 560558; 560569; 556457; 557464; 557447; 556446; 557369; and 555335.

25. 27 August 2000

At 1035 hours two Iranian helicopters were seen heading towards Iran's Sayhah outpost at coordinates 9662. They then returned to the Iranian rear.

26. 27 August 2000

At 1900 hours the Iranians set fire to the reed beds along the eastern bank of the Shatt al-Arab in the area opposite Faw at coordinates 5654. The operation continued with a view to spreading the fire among the reeds. This led to a small 57-mm launcher-type rocket being fired at a dwelling in the city of Faw.

27. 28 August 2000

At 0900 hours the Iranians bombarded Iraqi national units with eight 81-mm mortar rounds. Five of them impacted at coordinates 0292 and three at coordinates 0391.

28. 28 August 2000

At 1100 hours the Iranians fired eight mortar rounds at Iraqi military units in the Tib area in Maysan Governorate.

29. 30 August 2000

At 1150 hours an unarmed khaki-coloured Iranian helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear at Sumar, passing by way of Iran's Naft-i Shah company and heading north parallel to the border strip.

30. 30 August 2000

At 2200 hours the Iranians fired three 120-mm mortar rounds at Iraqi territory in the area opposite Iraq's Harran outpost. They impacted 1.5 kilometres beyond the outpost.

31. 31 August 2000

Between 0130 and 0140 hours the Iranians fired 20 to 30 81-mm and 120-mm mortar rounds. All but three of them, which impacted in the area between the Miqdad outpost at coordinates 4109 and the Iranian observation tower at coordinates 4210, fell inside Iranian territory.

32. 31 August 2000

At 1430 hours two Iranian khaki-coloured helicopters were seen coming from the Fakkah sector and landing at Iran's Shayb outpost at coordinates 7221. They remained on the ground for 10 minutes before leaving the area for the Iranian rear.

33. 31 August 2000

At 0111 hours two Iranian helicopters were seen heading from north to south inside the Jallan area and proceeding towards the Iranian rear.

34. 1 September 2000

At 0100 hours the Iranians erected a reed-built military position on the eastern bank of the Shatt al-Arab opposite the village of Qat`ah at coordinates 312581 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). At 1800 hours the position was manned by three military personnel.

35. 2 September 2000

At 0750 hours the Iranians bombarded Iraqi units with 10 120-mm mortar rounds. Two Iraqi combat personnel were wounded.

36. 2 September 2000

At 1730 hours an Iranian 106-mm howitzer was seen on the ground inside Iranian territory at coordinates 145754.

37. 2 September 2000

At 1700 hours the Iranians completed construction of the reed-built observation post on the eastern bank of the Shatt al-Arab opposite the southern end of the Faw peninsula at coordinates 373215 (1:100,000 map of Faw). At 1900 hours it was manned by six military personnel armed with GC assault rifles. At 2200 hours the Iranian positions fired off a number of rounds in an indiscriminate manner.

38. 3 September 2000

At 2200 hours the Iranian positions on the eastern bank of the Shatt al-Arab directed intermittent fire from GC weapons at the area between Muhammarah North at coordinates 3869 and the area opposite Sayhan at coordinates 313580 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). At 0500 hours in 4 September the firing stopped. During the time in question a motorcycle was patrolling between the Iranian positions.

39. 4 September 2000

At 0830 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of six persons began work at coordinates 154759.

40. 6 September 2000

At 2200 hours the sound of shots being fired was heard from the Iranian side. A civilian, Ali Sultan Jasim al-Ali, was hit as he lay sleeping on the roof of his shop in the market at Faw and suffered a wound and bleeding that required him to be taken to Faw general hospital.

41. 7 September 2000

At 0200 hours criminal elements prompted by the Iranian authorities committed a heinous crime against peaceful citizens in residential neighbourhoods of Baghdad when they fired three 122-mm rockets at these areas. One citizen was wounded, and serious damage was done to a number of dwellings. Launching equipment and unexploded rockets were found at the scene of the crime, testifying to the commission of this cowardly act.

42. 8 September 2000

At 1000 hours the Iranians fired four 107-mm rockets from coordinates 4808, inside Iranian territory and 1.5 kilometres south of the Miqdad outpost. They impacted inside Iraqi national territory at coordinates 3708 (1:100,000 map of Khanaqin).

43. 10 September 2000

At 0700 hours six armed Iranians, four of them in civilian clothing and two in military uniform, tried to infiltrate into Iraq's national territory in the area between the Ziyadi outpost at coordinates 1647 and the Kurmushiyah outpost at coordinates 1347. They were engaged, and they ran off.

44. 10 September 2000

At 1800 hours a vehicle drew up inside Iranian territory carrying 12 persons and their weapons and equipment. They were split into two groups of six, one group for each of the two towers opposite the Ziyadi outpost at coordinates 1647 and the Tariq outpost at coordinates 1947.

45. 11 September 2000

At 1700 hours an Iranian military vehicle carrying 10 persons and towing a howitzer was observed. The howitzer was installed at coordinates 619029.

46. 11 September 2000

At 0200 hours some of the Iranian positions along the eastern bank of the Shatt al-Arab in the area opposite Ra's al-Bayshah and Ma`amir began firing in a random and intermittent manner. At 0300 hours the firing stopped.

47. 13 September 2000

At 2200 hours the Iranians manned the forward observation posts along the eastern bank of the Shatt al-Arab opposite the Shayhan area, placing three soldiers in each. At 0600 hours on 14 September the soldiers were withdrawn from the posts.

48. 13 September 2000

At 0930 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of eight workers began work at coordinates 154751.

49. 14 September 2000

At 0900 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of three workers began work at coordinates 154751.

50. 16 September 2000

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of seven workers began work at the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 150790.

51. 17 September 2000

At 0240 hours the Iranians began firing indiscriminately towards the Faw district. One Iraqi woman, Shafiqah Ghalib Sallum, was wounded in the left arm.

52. 17 September 2000

At 2335 hours some of the Iranian positions along the eastern bank of the Shatt al-Arab opposite the Fada`iyah and Ma`amir areas began firing indiscriminately.

53. 18 September 2000

At 1400 hours the Iranians fired a number of 120-mm mortar rounds inside Iranian territory. One of them impacted inside out national territory in Wadi Abi Ghawb at coordinates 8701 (1:100,000 map of Khazinah).

54. 19 September 2000

At 2220 hours the Iranians fired indiscriminately towards the Faw district. One Iraqi woman, Sabihah Hasan Ali, was wounded in the leg.

55. 22 September 2000

At 1425 hours the Iranians fired six 107-mm Katyusha rockets that impacted in the area between the Shuhada' outpost and the Nay Khidr outpost at coordinates 8106.

56. 22 September 2000

At 1300 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen flying over the border strip inside Iranian territory in the area opposite the Ayn al-Abd outpost at coordinates 2250. It then headed towards the Iranian rear.

57. 23 September 2000

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit began work at coordinates 154751, Kharnubiyah. There were four workers.